

Service Date: February 28, 1992

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the PSC's Inquiry)	UTILITY DIVISION
and Investigation of Alternative)	
Regulation for Telecommunications)	DOCKET NO. 90.8.46
Local Exchange Carriers.)	ORDER NO. 5495a

FINAL ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

On June 13, 1990 U.S. West Communications (USWC) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) requesting approval of an alternative type of regulation, including a network modernization proposal. USWC designated its proposal the "Montana Network Improvement and Rate Stability Plan."

On August 8, 1990 the Commission issued a Proposed Notice of Inquiry and Investigation of Alternative Regulation for Telecommunications Local Exchange Carriers, and a Proposed Procedural Order. Said Inquiry was designated Docket No. 90.8.46.

Following the consideration of comments received, the Commission issued a Final Notice of Inquiry and Procedural Order on September 7, 1990. Written comments were filed on October 4, 1990 and an Informal Conference was held on October 24, 1990.

On December 14, 1990 USWC submitted a new filing with the Commission containing extensive revisions, additions and updates to the original filing in Docket No. 90.6.37. The new filing is assigned Docket No. 90.12.86. Many of the issues considered in this Docket are now being considered in Docket No. 90.12.86.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. This Docket is hereby closed without further action by the Commission.
2. The Commission expresses its sincere appreciation to the parties filing comments in this case.

Done and Dated this 24th day of February, 1992 by a vote of 5 - 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Chairman

DANNY OBERG, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See ARM 38.2.4806.